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- Duke Energy Corp., agreed February 20 to pay about \$102 million in fines addressing Clean Water Act violations at 2 steam stations and 3 electricity-generating plants in a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice related to a 2014 coal ash spill into a North Carolina river. – *Reuters* (See item [1](#))
- Over 1,350 flights were canceled and 700 were delayed February 23 due to a severe winter storm that stretched across the U.S., bringing the total number of canceled flights since February 21 to more than 4,000. – *USA Today* (See item [6](#))
- The Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North Carolina, reported a total of 18 cases of the carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE) bacteria in 2015, which included one death from the superbug. – *WBTV 3 Charlotte* (See item [18](#))
- About 2,800 federal prisoners will be moved to other institutions following a February 20 disturbance which caused the inmates to seize control of part of the Willacy County Correctional Center in Texas. – *Associated Press* (See item [24](#))

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Energy Sector

1. *February 20, Reuters* – (North Carolina) **Duke Energy fined over \$100 million for environmental violations.** Duke Energy Corp., agreed February 20 to pay about \$102 million in fines addressing 5 Clean Water Act violations at its Dan River and Riverbend steam stations and 4 Clean Water Act violations at its H.F. Lee Steam, Cape Fear, and Asheville electricity-generating plants in a settlement with the U.S. Department of Justice related to a power plant's 2014 coal ash spill into a North Carolina river. The company will also enter into a 5-year probationary period, among other terms in the settlement.

Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/21/us-usa-duke-energy-environment-idUSKBN0LP00P20150221>

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Chemical Industry Sector

Nothing to report

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Nuclear Reactors, Materials, and Waste Sector

2. *February 23, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission* – (South Carolina) **NRC begins special inspection at Summer Nuclear Plant Unit 2 construction site.** The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) began a week-long inspection of the Summer Nuclear Plant's Unit 2 construction site February 23, following an incident during the week of February 9 in which Chicago Bridge & Iron workers accidentally damaged the containment vessel bottom head while drilling into concrete. The NRC inspection team will review the events and any potential effects on containment vessel integrity amongst other things, while an NRC representative reported that the damage appeared to be minor.

Source: <http://www.nrc.gov/reading-rm/doc-collections/news/2015/15-004.ii.pdf>

3. *February 21, Associated Press* – (Tennessee) **Watt Bar Nuclear Plant shutdown over condenser issue.** Operators shut down the Unit 1 reactor at the Watts Bar Nuclear Plant in Tennessee February 21 due to a condenser issue in the non-nuclear portion of the plant. Officials stated that there was no danger to staff, the public, or the power supply, and that the reactor will remain offline while Tennessee Valley Authority employees troubleshoot the problem.

Source: <http://www.wrcbtv.com/story/28168074/watt-bar-nuclear-plant-shutdown-over-condenser-issue>

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Critical Manufacturing Sector

4. *February 21, Associated Press* – (International) **Mercedes-Benz recalls more than 147,000 cars, mainly E350 sedans.** Mercedes-Benz issued a recall starting in March for more than 147,000 vehicles, including mostly model year 2013-2015 E350 sedans, to fix an issue in which a rubber seal in the engine bay could detach and fall onto the car's exhaust system, posing a fire hazard.
Source: <http://www.wsj.com/articles/mercedes-benz-recalls-147-000-cars-mainly-e350-sedans-1424560070>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

Nothing to report

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Financial Services Sector

5. *February 20, Reuters* – (New York; Oklahoma) **Ex-Oppenheimer executive pleads guilty in loan fraud scheme.** A former Oppenheimer & Co executive pleaded guilty in Manhattan federal court February 20 for his role in a fraud scheme that deceived Oklahoma regulators and the company by collaborating with three individuals to process a \$30 million loan through the investment bank for the fraudulent purchase of Providence P&C while illegally using the insurance company's assets as collateral. The case originated with a related investigation into Park Avenue Bank, which went under in March 2010.
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/article/2015/02/20/usa-crime-oppenheimer-idUSL1N0VU1N220150220>

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Transportation Systems Sector

6. *February 23, USA Today* – (National) **Airlines cancel 1,300 flights as yet another storm hits.** Over 1,350 flights were canceled and 700 were delayed February 23, for the third consecutive day due to a severe winter storm that stretched across the U.S. Combined, more than 4,000 flights have been canceled since February 21.
Source: <http://www.usatoday.com/story/todayinthesky/2015/02/23/airlines-cancel-1250-flights-as-yet-another-storm-hits-dfw-dallas-texas/23873767/>
7. *February 22, WCBS 2 New York City* – (New York) **JFK Airport runways reopen following snow squall.** All runways at John F. Kennedy Airport in New York were reopened after shutting down for approximately 3 hours February 22 due to a snow

squall which resulted in several flight delays or cancelations.

Source: <http://newyork.cbslocal.com/2015/02/22/snow-ice-close-jfk-airport/>

8. ***February 20, KTLA 5 Los Angeles*** – (California) **Bomb squad robot detonates suspicious device on 5 Freeway in Sun Valley.** The California Highway Patrol closed both directions of 5 Freeway in Sun Valley for more than 2 hours February 20 after a caller reported a suspicious device on the freeway's center divider which prompted the response of a Los Angeles Police Department bomb squad. The contents of the tube-shaped object remained unclear after the device was examined and detonated.
Source: <http://ktla.com/2015/02/20/bomb-squad-robot-detonates-suspicious-device-on-5-freeway-in-sun-valley/>

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Food and Agriculture Sector

9. ***February 23, Food Safety News*** – (National) **CDC: Salmonella linked to MD cucumbers killed 1, sickened 275 in 2014.** A report from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention published February 20 reported that at least 275 people in 29 States and Washington, D.C., were sickened and one individual died in a Salmonella outbreak from May-September 2014 that was linked to cucumbers grown in the Delmarva region of Maryland. The source of the contamination has yet to be determined.
Source: <http://www.foodsafetynews.com/2015/02/cdc-salmonella-linked-to-va-cucumbers-killed-1-sickened-275-in-2014-outbreak>
10. ***February 21, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (Illinois) **Urgent: El Popocatepetl Ind., Inc. issues an allergy alert on undeclared milk and Yellow #5 in 8 in. Sundried Tomato, Spinach Pesto, and Chipotle wraps.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 21 that Chicago-based El Popocatepetl Ind., Inc. recalled its 8-inch Chipotle, Spinach Pesto, and Sun Dried Tomato flavored wraps due to undeclared milk and Yellow #5. The recalled products were only distributed in Illinois.
Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm435190.htm>
11. ***February 21, U.S. Department of Agriculture*** – (International) **ESS Food recalls pork products produced without benefit of import inspection.** ESS Food, a Danish establishment, issued February 20 a recall for about 50,904 pounds of Pini Polona pork belly product produced in Poland that was not presented at the U.S. point of entry for inspection by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, posing possible health risks. The affected product was shipped to a distributor in Texas and a processing facility in Iowa.
Source: <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/wps/portal/fsis/topics/recalls-and-public-health-alerts/recall-case-archive/archive/2015/recall-035-2015-release>
12. ***February 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration*** – (National) **WhiteWave Foods**

voluntarily recalls Horizon Cheddar Sandwich Crackers due to undeclared peanuts company says some Horizon Cheddar Sandwich Cracker boxes may contain Peanut Butter Sandwich Crackers. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration announced February 20 that WhiteWave Foods voluntarily recalled up to 62,160 boxes of Horizon Cheddar Sandwich Crackers because they may contain undeclared peanuts due to misbranding caused by a packaging error. The recalled product was shipped to retailers and wholesalers in several States.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm435172.htm>

13. **February 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (National) Old Home Kitchens issues allergy alert and voluntary recall on undeclared pecans in "Sock It To Me Creme Cake".** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 20 that Old Home Kitchens voluntarily recalled its "Sock It To Me Creme Cake" under the "Bakery baked with pride" label due to undeclared pecans. The affected product was distributed through Walmart locations in several States that have been alerted to remove the product from the stores.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm435170.htm>

14. **February 20, U.S. Food and Drug Administration – (Oregon; California; Washington) Hummingbird Wholesale issues allergy alert on undeclared milk in Organic Chocolate Hazelnut Butter.** The U.S. Food and Drug Administration reported February 20 that Hummingbird Wholesale recalled 110 jars of Organic Chocolate Hazelnut Butter after it was discovered that a supplier changed the ingredients without notice to include milk that was not listed on the product's label. The recalled product was sold to retailers in California, Oregon, and Washington, and directly to consumers in Oregon.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm435152.htm>

15. **February 19, Wisconsin Department of Agriculture – (Wisconsin) Pepin County dairy penalized for unpasteurized milk distribution in Durand.** The Wisconsin Department of Agriculture reported February 19 that the owners of a Pepin County dairy agreed to penalties connected to a foodborne illness outbreak that sickened 32 Durand High School students and staff in September 2014. The dairy agreed to adopt a plan that includes suspending the farm's Grade A permit for 30 days after an investigation by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services revealed that the farm distributed unpasteurized milk in an unauthorized manner.

Source:

[http://datcp.wi.gov/\(X\(1\)S\(db3l0d3hb3q0pwlyypxdpbu1\)\)/news/index.aspx?Id=1236&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1](http://datcp.wi.gov/(X(1)S(db3l0d3hb3q0pwlyypxdpbu1))/news/index.aspx?Id=1236&AspxAutoDetectCookieSupport=1)

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Water and Wastewater Systems Sector

16. **February 22, WDAY 6 Fargo/WDAZ 8 Devil's Lake – (North Dakota) Up to 300 homes still affected by south Fergus Falls boil order.** The Fergus Falls mayor

reported February 22 that an estimated 200 to 300 homes in the city remained under a boil order until at least February 23 after a water leak which spilled up to 2 million gallons near the Otter Tail County Courthouse and Fergus Falls City Hall February 22. Source: <http://www.wdaz.com/news/minnesota/3684850-update-300-homes-still-affected-south-fergus-falls-boil-order>

17. **February 20, WPRI 12 Providence – (Rhode Island) Service restored to 1,000 residents after water main break.** Providence Water reported that crews repaired a 12-inch broken main and restored service to 1,000 customers near the Cranston/Johnston Line after 16 hours February 20 after frigid temperatures caused the main to rupture.
Source: <http://wpri.com/2015/02/20/1000-customers-affected-by-cranston-water-main-break/>

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Healthcare and Public Health Sector

18. **February 23, WBTV 3 Charlotte – (North Carolina) Superbug presents challenge to health care systems.** The Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte reported a total of 18 cases of the carbapenem-resistant enterobacteriaceae (CRE) bacteria in 2015, which included one death from the superbug. Health officials have stated that the bacteria, which is spread through contaminated equipment and human contact, is now in 42 States in the U.S.
Source: <http://www.wbtv.com/story/28172853/superbug-presents-challenge-to-health-care-systems>

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Government Facilities Sector

19. **February 23, Knoxville News Sentinel – (Tennessee) Knox County Schools cancels classes today; state death toll continues to climb after storm.** The State of Tennessee remained under a heightened state of emergency February 23 as the number of weather-related deaths reached 22 since February 16. Severe weather prompted Knox County and several surrounding school districts to cancel classes February 23.
Source: http://www.knoxnews.com/weather/knox-county-schools-cancel-classes-today-state-death-toll-continues-to-climb-after-storm_60210885
20. **February 23, Associated Press – (Maryland) Md. courthouse closed 3rd weekday because of burst pipes.** Additional pipes burst February 22 prompting the closure of the Prince George's County courthouse in Upper Marlboro February 23, for the third consecutive weekday.
Source: <http://www.myfoxdc.com/story/28174167/md-courthouse-closed-3rd-weekday-because-of-burst-pipes>
21. **February 22, KFVS 12 Cape Girardeau – (Illinois) Water leaks into Marion City**

Hall, closed Monday. The Marion City Hall in Illinois was closed February 23 while crews worked to repair the roof and interior damage at the building following a roof collapse February 21 caused by snow and ice buildup.

Source: <http://www.kfvs12.com/story/28170282/water-leaks-into-marion-city-hall-closed-monday>

22. **February 21, KABC 7 Los Angeles – (California) Man arrested after setting 5 cars ablaze outside Ventura County Government Center.** Police took a man into custody after he allegedly set fire to 5 cars in the parking lot of the Ventura County Government Center in California February 21, rendering 3 cars a total loss while a fourth had moderate damage. The suspect was found near the cars after setting them ablaze and hospitalized after California Highway Patrol officers spotted the fire which impacted four cars belonging to the county.
Source: <http://abc7.com/news/possible-bomb-threat-cleared-at-ventura-county-government-center/528140/>
23. **February 20, New Hampshire Union Leader – (New Hampshire) Roof concerns force evacuation of Milford High School; school closed.** Students from Milford High School in New Hampshire were evacuated and the school was closed February 20 after 3 wooden trusses and 3 joists were discovered to be pulled away from the ceiling of a classroom causing significant damage to the roof. The damage was believed to have been caused by snow and crews were ordered to remove the snow from the roof.
Source: <http://www.unionleader.com/article/20150220/NEWS07/150229941>

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Emergency Services Sector

24. **February 21, Associated Press – (Texas) Official: South Texas prison ‘uninhabitable’ after uprising.** The U.S. Bureau of Prisons reported February 21 that about 2,800 federal prisoners will be moved to other institutions after complying with authorities following a February 20 disturbance which caused the inmates to seize control of part of the Willacy County Correctional Center in Texas. The inmates became disruptive over poor medical services and refused to perform work duties, prompting them to breach their housing units and cause extensive damage that rendered the facility uninhabitable.
Source: <http://kxan.com/2015/02/21/official-south-texas-prison-uninhabitable-after-uprising/>
25. **February 21, Associated Press – (Illinois) Illinois police department paid \$500 ransom to hacker who disabled computer.** The Midlothian police chief confirmed February 21 that the suburban Chicago police department was hacked in January by a form of the Cryptoware virus which demands a ransom be paid in order to decrypt files on a computer, rendering the files inaccessible without an encryption key.
Source: http://www.stltoday.com/news/local/crime-and-courts/illinois-police-department-paid-ransom-to-hacker-who-disabled-computer/article_694e0290-dd35-5be5-a5cb-c16ccc75cf3f.html

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Information Technology Sector

26. ***February 23, The Register*** – (International) **Cisco IPv6 processing bug can cause DoS attacks.** Cisco announced that its NCS 6000 and Carrier Routing System (CRS-X) contain an IPv6 software bug that attackers could repeatedly exploit by sending a malformed IPv6 packet, carrying extension headers, through an affected Cisco IOS XR device line card to cause an extended denial of service (DoS) condition.

Source:

http://www.theregister.co.uk/2015/02/23/cisco_ipv6_processing_bug_can_cause_dos/

27. ***February 23, Securityweek*** – (International) **Superfish SSL interception library found in several applications: Researchers.** Security researchers discovered that the Komodia Redirector and SSL Digestor, originally used by the Superfish software preinstalled on Lenovo laptops can be found in several products and at least 12 Facebook applications using the SSL interception library. The researchers stated that Komodia's proxy software does not properly implement SSL or validate certificates, enabling attackers to potentially hijack affected users' connections.

Source: <http://www.securityweek.com/superfish-ssl-interception-library-found-several-applications-researchers>

Internet Alert Dashboard

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Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Web site: <http://www.it-isac.org>

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Communications Sector

28. ***February 23, KRNV 4 Reno*** – (Nevada; California) **Frontier Internet outage continues; cause under investigation.** Frontier Communications reported February 23 that technicians are working to determine the cause of a widespread Internet outage that began February 21 and continued to affect service in Douglas, Alpine, Mono, and Lyon counties. Officials stated that there is no estimated time on when service will be restored.

Source: <http://www.ktvn.com/story/28170955/frontier-internet-outage-continues-cause-under-investigation>

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Commercial Facilities Sector

29. *February 23, WCAU 10 Philadelphia* – (New Jersey) **'Domestic situation' provoked gunman to shoot co-worker, self: Police.** A security worker at the Shields Business Solutions office located at a business park in Moorestown died from a self-inflicted gunshot wound after entering the business February 23 and opening fire on a colleague who was left in critical condition.
Source: <http://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/breaking/Moorestown-Shooting-293643911.html>
30. *February 23, KYW 3 Philadelphia* – (Pennsylvania) **Two suspects in custody after police standoff at Bucks County gun shop.** Two suspects were arrested February 23 following a standoff at the Mike's Guns and Sporting Goods store in Tullytown that lasted at least 8 hours and prompted a shelter-in-place order for residents in the borough, the closure of at least one school, and a detour on the Levittown Parkway. Police responded to the scene after a burglar alarm was tripped and later found one suspect in the ventilation area of an adjacent restaurant and the second man inside the store.
Source: <http://philadelphia.cbslocal.com/2015/02/23/police-standoff-at-gun-shop-in-bucks-county/>
31. *February 23, New England Cable News* – (New Hampshire) **60 evacuated after partial roof collapse at New Hampshire apartment building.** Sixty residents were evacuated from a 30-unit apartment building in Hooksett, New Hampshire, February 23 due to a partial roof collapse. Inspectors were at the scene to determine the structural integrity of the building and determine if residents can return.
Source: <http://www.necn.com/news/new-england/60-Evacuated-After-Partial-Roof-Collapse-at-New-Hampshire-Apartment-Building-293632031.html>
32. *February 22, KPIX 5 San Francisco; Bay City News* – (California) **Damage estimated at \$1.4 million in SF Castro District 3-alarm fire Saturday.** A 3-alarm fire that burned 2 buildings in San Francisco's Castro District February 21 caused an estimated \$1.4 million in damage and displaced 12 residents, while a third structure sustained water damage as a result from the blaze. The cause of the fire remains under investigation.
Source: <http://sanfrancisco.cbslocal.com/2015/02/22/damage-sf-castro-district-3-alarm-fire-saturday-1-point-4-million/>
33. *February 22, WBZ 4 Boston* – (Massachusetts) **Snow-covered gas meter causes explosion, fire in Canton.** A snow-covered gas meter at an office building in Canton, Massachusetts, caused an explosion in a boiler room and a subsequent fire that rendered the building structurally unsound. Officials from the business SOFTRAX and the Norfolk County District Attorney's office were searching for alternate locations for workers.
Source: <http://boston.cbslocal.com/2015/02/22/snow-covered-gas-meter-causes-explosion-fire-in-canton/>

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Dams Sector

34. *February 23, Associated Press* – (Colorado) **Clear Creek Dam seepage raises concern.** The Pueblo Board of Water Works is investigating seepage from Clear Creek Dam in northern Chaffee County, Colorado, to determine if there is any risk of collapse. The dam has been leaking for 20 years, generating the need to lower water levels to provide a temporary solution.

Source: <http://www.9news.com/story/news/local/2015/02/23/pueblo-dam/23873517/>

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